

# FAA Newsletter

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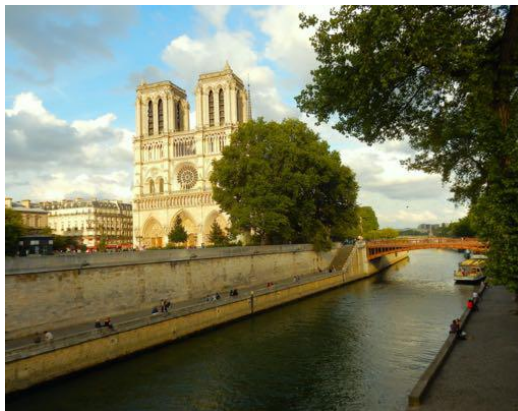


**Don't forget to add our upcoming virtual monthly FAA meeting on the first Wed. of the month as usual, to your calendar! The Zoom link is pasted below.**

- **April 7, 2021 6:30pm**

**FAA member Marjorie Sardella will talk about her approach to photography.**

**Marjorie S. Sardella** ~ Marjorie's love of photography began at the age of ten with her first Brownie Camera. She later painted in oils for several years, but eventually returned to her first love, photography. Having taken several photography courses in the past, at Boston College, she came to love the process of creating a finished photo from a developed negative in the darkroom, skills Marjorie now applies to her photographic works, using mostly traditional darkroom techniques in her "digital darkroom" when required. Often, her photographic works are mistaken for paintings, perhaps reflecting on her earlier experience in oil painting. For twenty years, Marjorie was the event photographer and Photo archivist for the Boston College Presidential Scholars Program, which involved traveling to France for over a month each year, offering her the opportunities to travel to other western European countries as well as ventures throughout the northeastern part of the US. Through the years, Marjorie's photos of land, sea, and cityscapes, of wildlife and people seek to capture moments in time that also evoke a sense of timelessness, inviting viewers to enter into a world that rouses, renews and rewards their inner selves.







**FAA virtual monthly meetings Zoom link:**

***If you haven't already done so, don't forget to download the free app Zoom to your devices (phone, laptop, ipad etc.) and practice using prior to our "first Wednesday of the month" meetings. There are "how to" instructions on the Zoom website as well as YouTube. FAA now has its own Zoom account, with its own Zoom link:***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181910922?pwd=ME9aTGtvRVJFVlg2aDBlMlVT1ZZdz09>

***We'll also send out the Zoom link to FAA members a few days prior to each meeting.***

- **Upcoming meeting May 5, 2021 6:30pm**

**Renowned Collage Artist Betsy Silverman.**

Check out Betsy Silverman's work at her website: [www.betsysilverman.com](http://www.betsysilverman.com).

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I first begin working with paper as a medium in architecture school while attending Rhode Island School of Design. Inherently fragile in nature, it could be torn or cut, folded or creased, layered and twisted, and ultimately magically transformed to represent a concept. But I soon discovered that what was once used for representation of a final three-dimensional idea had become a vehicle for social change. Architects were discovering ways to make paper structural and build with it.

I began experimenting with forms of my own and developed a kit of parts using paper for my thesis. Folded and glued elements could be connected, and depending on the shape they took, made structural.

My love of paper has continued and branched into different outlets. Its tactile quality, its physicality, provide limitless opportunities for new and intuitive creations. As a medium, it is so readily accessible and so inexpensive.

But, its accessibility and low-cost means it is also often and easily discarded. As such, I feel especially passionate about recycling paper when I can, even if my impact is rather small. My collages incorporate recycled paper from magazines. I love the challenge of transforming the printed image into a new image while preserving bits and pieces of the memory of the paper's former representation. My works are artistic expressions of a moment in time recreated through photorealism.

I welcome any donations of used magazines!

My works are made entirely of recycled paper and adhesive. No other medium is added. As such, the works are intensive searches through magazines for the right value, intensity, and meaning to recreate an image.

- **Upcoming meeting June 2, 2021 6:30pm**

**Artist Ann Gorbett.**

**Ann Gorbett, a member of the Foxboro Art Association,** will be giving a demo on her well-known palette knife painting techniques. Ann is an award winning artist who paints exclusively with a palette knife and holds a fine art degree. She has worked as a professional graphic designer for many years. She began painting in oils again after taking a palette knife workshop through the Copley Society of Art in Boston. The thick, painterly, yet highly detailed strokes of color are trademarks of her style. You can check out her work at [anngorbett.blogspot.com](http://anngorbett.blogspot.com)



**\*\*\* FAA Members: Is there an artist you know whose work is inspirational and would make an exciting Demo Artist for a future FAA meeting? If so, please email [FAASecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FAASecretary@gmail.com)!**

## The Franklin Art Walk: begins the weekend of June 11-13<sup>th</sup>!!

*Peg Munson is looking for more FAA Artists to display their art!!!*

The Franklin Art Walk will begin on the weekend of June 11-13, 2021. There will be a [Kick-off Event at the Farmer's Market on the Town Common from 4-6 pm on Friday, June 11](#). The FAA will have a booth on the common that afternoon. The kickoff will include some entertainment, and more details will be available soon about all the planned activities for that weekend.

The Mass. Cultural Council and Franklin Cultural Council have awarded a \$1,700 Grant to the FAA. This money is being used to buy easels to display art in Franklin Businesses, and to fund an art packet that will be included in the Franklin Library Summer Reading Bags. This year the Summer Reading program has a theme of Build Your Own Zoo and features a scavenger hunt to find animal art representing 12 categories of animals. The FAA is partnering with the library and the Franklin Downtown Partnership for this project. They plan to distribute 700 bags!

So far 10 FAA artists have agreed to display their art in Franklin Businesses from June 11 through the end of July. Some of these artists will be doing animal art as part of their display, and all 12 animals have been assigned. Also included in the display will be a QR code that will reveal the name and contact information of that artist, and a link to their website if they have one. Anyone interested in buying the art after the end of the Art Walk will be able to contact the artist directly.

The artists will each be paired with a business and they will work with the business to plan and set up their art display, when possible to be visible even when the business is closed.

**We would like to have more FAA artists display their art. Please email Peg Munson at [mpegala1@aol.com](mailto:mpegala1@aol.com) if you are interested.**

### **This is the list of artists who have signed up already:**

Peg Munson, Walter Spencer, Sue Sheridan, Christine Toubeau, Gail Eckberg, Dick Fotland, Amy Adams, Pam Warren, Joe Mueller, Helen Novak, Tina Guarino.

There is a newly formed subcommittee who will contact the artists soon with more information. **Any art that has been previously seen in a show is eligible to use.**

## FAA Virtual Galleries!

*As a member of FAA you can add images of your artwork for FAA Virtual Galleries on Social Media”*

We currently have **four Virtual Galleries** featuring work by FAA members on the FAA Facebook page, All About Franklin, and Instagram. The Facebook posts alone have *reached over 4000 people and had over 1800 views*. Dennis reports that we now have over 400 people following us!! **He also says “We need new material!!!” Any FAA member can have Dennis post on our Facebook page!!**

Here’s the link where you can see them:

<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinArtAssoc/videos/319831605942696/>.

You can also access them by going to Facebook, searching on Franklin Art Association, then clicking on “videos”. Please take some time to check them out, to “Like” them, and if you haven’t done so yet, to “Like” the FAA Facebook Page. If you are not on Facebook, you can still view them on that link.

Dennis Sardella, our Virtual Gallery guru says *“If you have three pieces I can include, just send me the files (jpg, ca. 700-1000 kb), along with title, medium, size, and price (if for sale). They do not have to be recent works.”*

Send your images to **Dennis Sardella at [sardellid@verizon.net](mailto:sardellid@verizon.net)** if you would like to participate.

## FAA Board Members needed for 2021-2022!

Are you interested in participating in guiding the Franklin Art Association? There are two opportunities to forge the path of this 50 year organization!

**FAA Vice President:** This FAA Board member lines up the monthly demo artists, introducing them at the meetings. We already have a spreadsheet of potential artists to choose from! And you can search talented artists virtually as well! It's an integral part of making FAA the vital art association it is!

**FAA Corresponding Secretary:** This FAA board member responds to emails sent to [FAAsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FAAsecretary@gmail.com), and sends out mass emails to members- thus keeping all FAA members up-to-date on 'calls for art', art happenings, etc. It's a fun & easy way to contribute to FAA's success!

*Please consider stepping in to help guide the Franklin Art Association into the 2021-2022 membership year starting in September 2021! Just contact any Board member!*



## If you haven't already sent in your FAA dues for 2020-2021:

Annual dues for 2020-2021 will be \$15 to cover the demo artists fees plus pay for an FAA Zoom account.

*Note: Students can join for free this year!*

*As a dues-paying FAA member you will also have the opportunity to virtually display and sell your art work via the FAA Facebook page, as well as the All About Franklin Facebook page, Instagram and if possible, on the FAA website. (Also, per prior email, don't forget to send any news re local art exhibits, etc. that you are participating in for the FAA Newsletter!)*

Please print and fill in the membership form below, and mail, along with your check for \$15 or more. Any amount over \$15 will be considered a donation to the FAA Scholarship fund!

Mail to: **Treasurer, Franklin Art Association, 279 East Central St., PMB #289, Franklin, MA 02038**

### Franklin Art Association 2020-2021 Membership Registration Form

This is a membership renewal and my contact information has remained the same: YES\_\_ NO\_\_

I am a student: YES\_\_ NO\_\_

Name:

Address:

City:                      State:      ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

## Our FAA Members in Shows?

*Do you have art work displayed in galleries? Please share your good news with the FAA members by sending images & information to [faasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:faasecretary@gmail.com), so they can be included in the next newsletter!*

## Our FAA Newsletter:



*Dear FAA Members,*

*Do you have any contributions or ideas for our next FAA Newsletter? Remember- this is your newsletter!!*

- *Important Member Announcements*
- *Our FAA Members in Shows*
- *Art Happenings*
- *Call for Art*

*Please send any items or suggestions for our next newsletter to: [FAAsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FAAsecretary@gmail.com).*